

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of APRIL, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944, was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

NOTE: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			MARCH		3 months ended March	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	334	461	1,021	1,185
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.03	11.25	8.46	9.86
Births	..	No.	973	945	2,912	2,761
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	23.39	23.07	24.14	22.98
Deaths	..	No.	345	346	1,091	1,054
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.29	8.45	9.04	8.77
Infant Mortality		No.	21	26	72	96
" "		Rate per 1000 live births	21.58	27.51	24.73	34.77
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			12	8	46	34
Cancer			55	49	146	138
Influenza			-	-	1	-
Diphtheria			2	1	6	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			28	25	110	82
Arteriosclerosis			16	10	43	34
Diseases of the Heart			89	77	256	241
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			20	26	55	71
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			9	5	17	13
Nephritis			12	15	45	36
Diseases of Early Infancy			12	15	37	55
Senility			8	16	41	41
Accidents			17	21	58	69
All Other Causes			65	78	230	236
TOTAL			345	346	1,091	1,054

*Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April 1945 totalled 85,686 acres, an increase of 17,156 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 902,860 acres, a decrease of 457,481 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,280,479	1,076,473	11,498,677	10,965,219
Revenue per Head of Population.	£2.12. 3d.	£2. 4. 6d.	£23.11. 2d.	£22.14.11d.
Expenditure ..	1,276,936	1,039,437	11,524,696	11,067,236
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.12. 1d.	£2. 2.11d.	£23.12. 3d.	£22.19. 2d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th April 1945 amounted to £30,493,221, or £62. 2. 9d. per head of population, as against £24,499,465, or £50.11.5d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 30th April, 1945, amounted to £2,664,495, compared with £2,685,036 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			APRIL		10 months ended April	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers ..	(No.	839		540	8,516	6,025
	(£.	317,167		229,417	3,328,582	2,446,270
Mortgages ..	(No.	249		162	2,391	1,781
	(£.	283,116		168,461	2,433,345	1,378,436
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	475		394	4,802	4,696

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - April	770,416	566,513	1,627,139	116,197
May	683,010	571,025	1,510,170	115,254
June	755,542	590,549	1,638,830	112,306
July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Ten Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £143,000, and six Foreign Companies were registered for the ten months ended 31st April, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were three local companies, with a nominal capital of £12,100, and eight foreign companies registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	10 months ended April					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	2	3,257	2,046	6	6,668	5,413
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	672	1,016	1	780	661
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		MARCH		Nine months ended March	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£.	355,100	389,700	3,288,100	3,324,500
Working Expenses	£.	327,343	324,358	2,782,833	2,843,504
Train miles run		550,144	545,478	4,739,213	4,590,376
Passenger Journeys		1,674,014	1,558,697	13,814,104	14,049,312
Tonnage carried -					
Paying Goods		245,047	220,689	2,090,305	1,718,888
Livestock		11,298	10,341	117,366	119,974
Departmental (Free Freight)		57,173	45,898	413,208	343,667
Total		313,518	282,928	2,620,879	2,182,529
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		29,624,591	28,276,531	235,931,687	210,442,349
Livestock		1,285,291	1,149,071	13,055,540	14,258,572
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,288,013	6,522,655	59,181,018	51,380,680
Total		38,197,895	35,948,257	308,168,245	276,081,601

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1944 -								
January	1	22	3	1	2	78	3	4
February	1	28	-	2	1	70	2	3
March	2	31	-	-	3	89	-	2
April	-	30	-	-	1	91	-	4
May	-	41	1	-	1	108	2	3
June	-	45	1	5	-	86	2	7
July	7	33	-	14	7	97	-	21
August	-	23	-	-	1	44	-	32
Sept.	2	17	-	2	2	41	-	3
October	3	16	-	-	3	37	-	1
November	1	11	-	-	1	36	-	1
December	6	13	-	11	6	26	-	12
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	*38	*1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

*Amended.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
January	17,707	5,290	229	2,465	29,017	20,253	276	3,902
February	17,904	5,399	230	2,557	29,727	21,185	280	4,103
March	17,916	5,401	230	2,558	29,887	21,425	280	4,151
April	18,038	5,490	230	2,592	29,991	21,664	274	4,234
May	18,126	5,567	231	2,629	30,273	22,117	276	4,308
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
July	17,507	5,872	243	2,209	28,835	20,926	295	3,387
August	17,729	6,006	244	2,341	29,464	21,879	296	3,712
September	17,732	6,013	244	2,343	29,596	22,177	296	3,771
October	17,934	6,168	244	2,431	29,613	22,436	293	3,903
November	18,076	6,243	246	2,489	30,002	22,837	295	4,009
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	30,199	22,687	296	4,193
March	19,733	6,812	244	2,736	31,789	23,343	297	4,358
April	21,683	7,454	246	2,838	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - MARCH	88	340	4	6

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
APRIL, 1945.	48	35,088	2	1,175	148	9,450	198	45,713
APRIL, 1944	15	6,390	1	3,500	108	8,804	124	18,694
10 months ended April, 1945.	408	272,280	17	40,938	1080	160,095	1505	473,313
10 months ended April, 1944	84	40,184	18	37,048	753	107,912	855	185,144

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
APRIL, 1945	3	1,150	1	150	27	1,756	31	3,056
APRIL, 1944	2	900	1	60	13	659	16	1,619
10 months ended April, 1945.	65	48,139	11	4,807	226	13,337	302	66,283
10 months ended April, 1944	17	4,975	7	1,775	141	6,948	165	13,698

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

249,783 lbs. were produced during March 1945, and 11,059,688 lbs. for the nine months ended March 1945, as against 281,934 lbs. and 12,385,076 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		APRIL		4 months ended April	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	35,134	26,806	151,444	135,684
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	372,421	280,122	1,605,312	1,417,897

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ending April 1945 amounted to £66,809, as against £414,188 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1062	1049	1059	1052
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1192	1170	1186	1170
Northam	1071	1059	1068	1060
Bunbury	1049	1029	1042	1020
Geraldton	1086	1093	1089	1095

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139		-	955	835	827	
May	112	119	134	140		-	927	836	832	
June	113	118	135	139		-	907	835	829	
July	113	117	136	140(a)		1000	888	828	832	
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	15,549	13,421	154,500	142,974
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,625	10,793	130,939	121,196

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